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## International Conference "Women of the Mountains"

Hosted by: Utah Valley State College and Kyrgyz National Centre for Development of Mountain Regions

Utah Valley State College and the Kyrgyz National Centre for Development of Mountain Regions will host a three-day international conference in March, 2007 entitled "Women of the Mountains." The purpose of the conference is to address vital issues of women and children, as well as family life in mountain areas around the world. These areas are dominated by undeveloped and often impoverished nations where life for women and children is harsh. The intended outcome is to mobilize support from institutions within the U.S. mountain states and other U.S. entities to assist in the sustainable development of the mountainous communities in these countries.

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## JAILED AMERICAN INDIAN FOCUS OF DISCUSSION

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LEWISBURG — A leader of the American Indian Movement in the 1970s is jailed at the federal penitentiary in Lewisburg for killing two FBI agents on a South Dakota Reservation. Now, the Leonard Peltier Defense Committee is fighting to free the man they say has been a political prisoner for more than 30 years. The committee will be at Bucknell University on Saturday. Toni Zeidan, co-director of the committee, said the forum is called "A Warrior's Story." She says it's a history of American Indian culture, which includes Leonard Peltier's story.

## State, tribe reach deal

BRODIE FARQUHAR, Star-Tribune correspondent - September 27, 2006

ETHELE -- Social service programs for the Northern Arapaho Tribe will receive an \$800,000 boost because of settlement of a long-standing dispute between the tribe and the state of Wyoming. Gov. Dave Freudenthal and Northern Arapaho Business Council Chairman Richard Brannan signed a contract Tuesday morning which releases \$800,000 to the tribe's Temporary Assistance to Needy Families program. The contract had been hung up for two years over a disagreement between the tribe and the state over tribal sovereignty.

## Native homeownership rate on the rise

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 2006

More and more Native Americans are becoming homebuyers but they still have far to go to catch up to the rest of the nation, Indian housing leaders said on Monday.

According to federal statistics, only a third of American Indians and Alaska Natives own homes. That is less than half of the national rate. "As an American, I was shocked," said Cielo Gibson, the executive director of the housing authority for the Nez Perce Tribe of Idaho.